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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF REPLY FROM COMMISSION DATED MARCH 11, 1977
TO A WRITTEN QUESTION FROM GEORGES CLERFAYT, INDEPENDENT MEMBER OF
THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT. CLERFAYT NOTED THAT THERE HAD BEEN LITTLE
PROGRESS IN THE MTN IN THE THREE YEARS SINCE SEPTEMBER 1973
AND ASKED THE COMMISSION FOR A PROGRESS REPORT. IN REPLY,
THE COMMISSION STATED:

"THE HONORABLE MEMBER CORRECTLY RECALLS THAT, AMONG OTHERS,
THE OBJECTIVES OF THE BROAD RANGING TRADE NEGOTIATIONS
WHICH OPENED IN TOKYO IN SEPTEMBER 1973 INCLUDE THE REDUCTION
OF BOTH TARIFF AND NON-TARIFF BARRIERS TO TRADE IN INDUSTRIAL
AND AGRICULTURE PRODUCTS.

THE FIRST CONCRETE RESULTS WERE ACHIEVED WITH THE PUTTING
INTO EFFECT ON 1ST JANUARY 1977 BY THE COMMUNITY, AND A
NUMBER OF OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, ITS OFFER OF
TARIFF AND NON-TARIFF LIBERALIZATION ON TROPICAL
PRODUCTS IN FAVOR OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

WITH RESPECT TO TARIFFS, THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER
WITH OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES HAS PUT FORWARD PROPOSALS
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FOR A TARIFF REDUCTION FORMULA. IT WILL NOW BE NECESSARY
TO REACH AGREEMENT ON A FORMULA WHICH WILL BE ACCEPTABLE
TO ALL DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WHO WILL PARTICIPATE IN ITS
IMPLEMENTATION.

IN THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR THE COMMUNITY HAS PUT
FORWARD DETAILED PROPOSALS FOR INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR CEREALS, DAIRY PRODUCTS AND MEAT AND IS PARTICIPATING IN THE NOTIFICATION AND CONSULTATION PROCEDURE COVERING OTHER PRODUCTS. IT IS TRUE THAT IMPORTANT DIFFERENCES OF VIEW STILL PERSIST AS TO THE SOLUTIONS TO BE AIMED AT IN THIS SECTOR.

IN THE FIELD OF NON-TARIFF BARRIERS, MUCH IMPORTANT TECHNICAL WORK HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT WITH THE AIM FOR EXAMPLE OF DEVELOPING CODES IN RESPECT OF STANDARDS AND CUSTOMS VALUATION. A SUB-GROUP HAS RECENTLY BEEN CREATED TO SEEK SOLUTIONS REGARDING GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT.

SEVERAL OTHER SUBJECTS ARE BEING DEALT WITH IN THE NEGOTIATIONS, IN PARTICULAR WITH A VIEW TO REALIZING CONCRETE RESULTS FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

THE IMPRESSION MAY BE THAT PROGRESS IS SLOW. BUT THIS STEMS LARGELY FROM THE VERY BROAD RANGE OF ISSUES BEING COVERED, THEIR COMPLEX TECHNICAL NATURE AND THE GREAT NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS. WITH CONTINUING GOOD-WILL

THE DIFFICULTIES CAN BE OVERCOME AND IT IS THE COMMUNITY'S HOPE THAT WITH THE ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE BY THE NEW U.S. ADMINISTRATION THE MOMENTUM OF THE NEGOTIATIONS CAN BE SATISFACTORILY MAINTAINED."

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